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Applicant: Lancot et al. Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.
Serial No.: 09/641,931 Art Unit: 1639
Filed: August 18, 2000
For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE, METHOD AND KIT FOR SELECTING A
NUCLEIC ACID HAVING A DESIRED FEATURE

Mail Stop Issue Fee
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

The due date for responding to the Office Action is September 11, 2004. The present Response is therefore timely filed on September 1, 2004. Please charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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